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TO: FEDLINK Members

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SUBJECT: End-of-Year Purchasing Update

FEDLINK has added a number of vendors since the beginning of Fiscal Year 2002. If you have not had the opportunity to register for their products and services, you may want to consider them as part of your end-of-year purchasing plan.

FEDLINK will accept requests to add funds and services through September 23, 2002, as long as the signed documents arrive in FEDLINK by 4:30 p.m. (ET) on September 27, 2002. FEDLINK may issue the contracts to fill those orders after October 1, 2002. Although FEDLINK can accept signed interagency agreements (IAGs) for direct pay fees until September 27, 2002, members must meet their agency's deadlines for direct pay orders for Fiscal Year 2002. (See FEDLINK Information Alert 2002-4 at <http://lcweb.loc.gov/flicc/ia/2002/ia0204.pdf> for more information on end-of-year dates.)

For book orders, you will need to have the list of titles preselected and made available to the book jobbers and FEDLINK by September 30, 2002; you cannot add funds to accounts for books and then wait to decide next fiscal year what books to order. If the list of titles exceeds \$25,000, the FEDLINK contracts specialists will request quotes from the vendors; this process can be completed after September 30, 2002, if necessary.

You can also purchase **subscriptions to electronic databases and other electronic publications** from online retrieval companies. Check with your sales representatives (listed in the FEDLINK online services directory at <http://lcweb.loc.gov/flicc/mmcontr.html>) to see if the service you need can be priced as a subscription in a cost-effective manner for your usage. Some electronic subscriptions can be priced and prepaid at quarterly, semi-annual or annual rates. You cannot add annual funds in FY2002 to pay for FY2003 searches in online retrieval services for which you pay on a transaction basis.

Serial subscriptions can be renewed through your subscription agent for the next year. However, if you choose to purchase many additional titles with extra funds, these may change your requirements and therefore may need to be competed. If you have questions, please contact Georgette Harris at (202) 707-4850 or gharris@loc.gov.

Send the FEDLINK contracts office copies of the title lists for serials and books, and information about online subscriptions related to your end-of-year purchases. (Also send the information to the relevant vendors.) Fax these lists to (202) 707-0485 or email to flicc-cl@loc.gov. Be sure to include your FEDLINK ID on all communications. If you have any questions, contact Joan Fitts in LC/Contracts at (202) 707-0407, or call FEDLINK Network Operations at (202) 707-4848.

1. FY2002 New Vendors

These vendors all established basic ordering agreements (BOAs) in FY2002 (FEDLINK ID appears in the parentheses following the vendor's name):

The Economist (EU) provides online analysis of world business and current affairs including international news, world politics, finance, science and technology, as well as overviews of cultural trends and regular industry, business and country surveys. Economist.com publishes all articles from The Economist print edition (including those printed only in British copies) plus a searchable archive of all The Economist's articles back to June 1997. Links to other articles and to relevant sources on the web are included with many of the stories. Other Economist.com services include Global Agenda Country Briefings, Cities Guide, Global Executive, Backgrounders and Web feeds. For more information on both products and services, visit their Web site at <http://economist.com>.

Inside Washington Publishers (IW) is an independent news organization located in the greater Washington metropolitan area. It offers 22 newsletters covering a wide variety of government programs and policies including national security, trade, energy, the environment, health and safety. These print items are complemented by four major Internet-based news services: InsideDefense.com, World Trade Online, EnergyWashington.com and InsideEPA.com. The services include exclusive news and hard-to-find documents including internal memoranda, speeches, studies and reports that drive the budget and policy debates throughout the federal arena. Subscriptions are available in electronic and print format and there are discounts available for multiple subscriptions. For more information on both products and services, visit their Web site at <http://www.iwpnews.com>.

Linguistic Systems, Inc. (LS) offers the Select Translation Service on a subscription basis to translate documents retrieved from many databases. Subscribers have 24/7 access to machine translation for nine foreign languages (French, German, Italian, Portuguese, Spanish, Russian, Chinese, Japanese and Korean) into/from English. There are two levels of editing for the nine-language machine translation, as well as human translation for more than 100 other languages available at additional cost. For more information on both products and services, visit their Web site at <http://www.linguist.com>.

The Nation Digital Archive/Nation Publ. Co. (TN) is an archive of America's oldest continuously published weekly magazine. Its 135-year-old archive of reporting, opinion, and criticism is an important collection of primary source material on the history of politics, culture, books, and the arts in the United States and the world. This compendium includes every article, editorial, poem and cultural review published since Volume I on July 6, 1865, as well as the original illustrations and advertisements. The archive is available on a subscription basis via the Web. For more information on both products and services, visit their Web site at <http://www.thenation.com/archive>.

Outsell (OS) provides an exclusive focus on both the supply and demand sides of the information content industry and offers high-quality analysis and advice about every aspect of the content marketplace. Outsell offers access to its proprietary data about the information content industry with profiles of more than 2,500 commercial vendors and 11,000 content users. Outsell may be used to derive strategies for federal institutions that need an articulate, concrete way to understand user requirements to procure cost-effective information services. For more information on both products and services, visit their Web site at <http://www.outsellinc.com>.

Rapsheets.Com/Daily News Publishing Co. (DN) is one of the nation's leading providers of online criminal records derived from public record information. Subscribers can search more than 50,000,000 U.S. criminal records, virtually 24 hours a day via the Web. Rapsheets.com aggregates its criminal records directly from state and local courts, law enforcement agencies, administrative agencies and corrections departments. All records include subjects' name and date of birth; the majority of records include additional identifiers such as race, sex, social security number and/or FBI number. Rapsheets.com also offers user-defined custom search pages, as well as a National Criminal Index search that queries all criminal records in Rapsheets.com's database from almost 50 state and county jurisdictions. For more information on both products and services, visit their Web site at <http://www.rapsheets.com>.

Standard and Poor's IMS (SP), a division of the McGraw-Hill Companies, offers several databases: Compustat, Research Insight (North America and Global resources), Asian Market Insight, European Market Scope, Global Markets and Market Insight with options of Execucomp, Standard and Poor's Corporation Records and Register, and Mergerstat Historical Mergers and Acquisitions. Twelve month subscriptions are available. For more information on both products and services, visit their Web site at <http://www.sandp.com>.

2. New Monographic Vendors

FEDLINK customers may want to add these vendors to their acquisition programs immediately to take advantage of end-of-year funds:

- **Books Research, Inc. (RM)** features general materials, research reports, grey literature and out-of-print resources available from U.S. and foreign publishers as well as government documents from GPO, NTIS and other agencies. Firm order services and technical processing are also available. For more information on both products and services, visit their Web site at <http://booksandresearch.com>.
- **Complete Book & Media Supply, Inc. (CM)** provides firm orders and technical processing services for 2,500,000 books and publications including a wide variety of conference proceedings, reprints, as well as government, society and institute publications. From technical, scientific, medical, computer, dictionaries, reference works to government documents and foreign and domestic titles, Complete Book & Media Supply offers a variety of formats including videos, audiocassettes, government documents, foreign titles, training kits, manuals and software. For more information on both products and services, visit their Web site at <http://www.completebook.com>.
- **Delmar Learning/Thomson (DL)** specializes in firm order services of general, business, legal, medical, allied health, science and technology, social science, humanities subject areas as well as career planning, vocational training and exam preparation materials. For more information on both products and services, visit their Web site at <http://www.delmarlearning.com>.
- **EBSCO Information Services (EM)** has established a Web site exclusively for FEDLINK members to review its product line. In addition to print materials, EBSCO Information Services also offers video and music selections. For more information on both products and services, visit their Web site at <http://www-us.ebsco.com/home/us.stm>.
- **Econo-Clad Books/Sagebrush Corporation (SB)** specializes in juvenile and young adult materials as well as general trade, reference and mass market items. Firm order, approval plans and technical processing services are available. For more information on both products and services, visit their Web site at <http://www.sagebrushcorp.com/books>.
- **G+L Wissenschaftliche Buchhandlung GmbH - Scientific Booksellers (GL)** offers German and German-language books in standard areas of publication but also specializes in government documents, conference papers and proceedings from societies and associations. CD-ROM and microfiche items are also available. For more information on both products and services, visit their Web site at <http://www.dav-buchhandlung.de/>.
- **Midwest Library Service (MW)** has firm order, approval plan and technical processing services for its selection of in-print and out-of-print materials from more than 20,000 U.S., Canadian, and U.K. publishers. For more information on both products and services, visit their Web site at <http://www.midwestls.com>.
- **Research Periodicals & Books Services, Inc. (UP)** offers materials in a variety of formats including print, video, multimedia and CD-ROM. For more information on both products and services, visit their Web site at <http://www.rpbs.com>.

3. FEDLINK Training Agreements

FEDLINK has agreements with a number of OCLC regional networks including Amigos (AM), BCR (BC), CAPCON (CN), Nylink (NY), PALINET (PA) and OCLC Western (OC). To attend a training and bill your FEDLINK account, please establish a vendor account using the FEDLINK Vendor ID. Be sure to establish the account prior to registering for any training. For information on offerings and registration procedures, visit the FLICC/FEDLINK Education and Training Web site at <http://www.loc.gov/flicc/mmeduc.html> and scroll down to contract training.

To take advantage of any of the new products and services offered, members may elect to add new services. For assistance with these services or other account management questions, please call the FEDLINK Hotline at (202) 707-4900. For specific vendor information, please contact Jim Oliver, FEDLINK Vendor Services Coordinator, by phone (202-707-4960) or by email at joli@loc.gov.

**For vendor contact information and the latest product information,
visit the online FEDLINK Vendor Services at
<http://www.loc.gov/flicc/mmcontr.html>.**